brackish water into the adjoining wet lands is being investigated by the Chief Engineer. It will be considered by the Government on receipt of his report.

The representation relating to the repair of bridges across the abovesaid canal will be referred to the Chief Engineer for report.

The question of opening a Munsiff-Magistrate's Court at Arukutti will be referred to the Law's Delays Officer.

The requests relating to the construction of new roads will be referred to the Road Board.

It has been stated that when the auction of a *puduval* land is postponed the notice regarding the re-auction is not published in the Gazette. On enquiry, it is found such notice is published only on the land. The question of publishing the notice in the Gazette also will be considered in consultation with the Land Revenue Commissioner.

In regard to the sale of copies of the Settlement Register, copies will not be required by the majority of land-owners. Settlement Registers are required only for reference in respect of lands owned by them or when other lands have to be purchased. It is not difficult to get copies of extracts from Settlement Registers relating to particular survey numbers. Further, the Settlement Register is a big book and reprinting it is not easy. The Government do not therefore propose to consider the question of making copies of Settlement Registers available for sale.

The request relating to the free supply of Gazette to members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly will be considered.]

114. Certain urgent Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. K. KRISHNA PANIKKAR (*Nominated*) said that in previous sessions of the Assembly he had urged the need for opening a road from Kanjikuzhi to Muhamma, where there was a large industrial population. There was, besides, a busy market at Muhamma. The opening of the proposed road would eliminate the difficulties experienced by traders in transporting agricultural produce to the market.

There were no communications by road or water from Muhamma to Shertallai and Alleppey. A road between those places was essential and should be opened. *Poramboke* lands were available for the purpose. If further lands were needed, the inhabitants of the locality were prepared to give them free of cost.

The Alleppey—Tannirmukkam road was as important as the Alleppey—Arur road. The construction of the road had advanced for a distance of six and a half miles from either extremity when the work was suddenly stopped. The road remained unfinished for a distance of five miles, though the necessary lands were handed over to the Public Works Department by the people of the locality. The work should be resumed and completed urgently.

The First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertallai was abolished in 1097. The jurisdiction of the Kottayam First Class Magistrate was then extended to that taluk. There were innumerable criminal cases of the Shertallai taluk on the file of the First Class Magistrate's Court, Kottayam. As the journey through the Vembanad lake involved serious risks, Government should consider the desirability of opening a First Class Magistrate's court at Shertallai.

The member finally requested the Dewan to visit the Shertallai taluk.

DEWAN S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Panikkar, താലൂക്കുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന വിഷയത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഞാൻ ഇന്നലെ ഒരു മെമ്പർക്ക് മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു. ചിലതാലൂക്കുകളെല്ലാം ഞാൻ കണ്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ചില താലൂക്കുകൾ ഞാൻ കണ്ടിട്ടില്ല. എല്ലാതാലൂക്കുകളിലും ചെന്ന ഒന്നോ രണ്ടോ ദിവസം താമസിച്ച് അവിടെയുള്ള സ്ഥിതിഗതികൾ അറിയണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം. പക്ഷെ ഇന്നലെ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഏതു സമയത്താണ് ഞാൻ വരുന്നതെന്നു പറയാൻ തരമില്ല. ഞാൻ മറ്റു താലൂക്കുകൾ സന്ദർശിക്കുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ ചേർത്തല താലൂക്കിലുംവരാം.

നിങ്ങളുടെ നിവേദനങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് നിങ്ങൾക്കുമുമ്പു സംസാരിച്ച മെമ്പർക്കു നൽകിയ മറുപടിതന്നെയാണ് പറയാനുള്ളത്.

[I have already replied to a member yesterday in regard to the question of visiting the taluks. I have seen some of the taluks but not all. It is my idea to stay in each taluk for one or two days and study local conditions. But I cannot say exactly when I am going to visit each taluk. When I tour in the other taluks, I shall visit the Shertallai taluk as well.

The reply given to the representation made by the previous member applies to your representation also.]

115. Needs of the Vaikom Municipality.

MR. AIYAPPAN MADHAVAN (*Municipal Council, Vaikom*) said that the town of Vaikom was situated in a low region adjoining the Vembanad lake. There were stagnant sheets of water lying in and around the town, which found no outlet to the lake. It was detrimental to the public health of the town. The remedy lay in the proper maintenance of the old canals which had long been neglected. One of those canals was the Perinchila *todu* lying to the south-west of the town. The Kaniyan *todu* lying between the Perinchila *padam* and the Vembanad lake was another. That canal was not uniformly wide and deep.

As a result of the representations made in previous sessions of the Assembly, Government sanctioned the repair of the two canals mentioned above. The Public Works Department took the work in hand and dropped it almost immediately. The work should be resumed forthwith.